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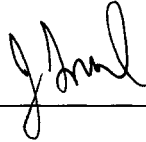
DATE: April 6, 2006

TO: Administrative Committee and Regional Council

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SUBJECT: The 4th International Gwangyang Port Forum

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve SCAG staff to attend the 4th International Gwangyang Port Forum in April, 2006.

BACKGROUND:

Jim Gosnell was invited by Gwangyang City and Chung Ang University, Korea to attend the 4th International Gwangyang Port Forum and International Conference for Celebrating 50th Issue of Journal of Shipping and Logistics. This forum is intended to hear about experience and research of domestic and international experts and scholars in order to develop a national strategy for logistics hub in the Northeast Asia. The theme of the forum is "Competition and Cooperation of Maritime Industry in Asia Pacific Area." Gwangyang city sent out an invitation to thirty international experts and three hundred national scholars, professors, and researchers (see attached). Jim Gosnell is expected to present the topic on the regional cooperation and strategies for smooth goods movement in Southern California at the forum and Chung Ang University.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Gwangyang City and Chung Ang University will pay for any expenses.



ATTACHMENT:

Invitation

"The 4th International Gwangyang Port Forum and International Conference for Celebrating 50th Issue of Journal of Shipping and Logistics"

The rapid growth of Chinese economy, especially the dramatically high GDP growth rate and accordingly, increasing foreign trade volume accelerated the expansion and development of ports' scale in China, in particular, northern area. Furthermore, dramatic changes surrounding container ports such as the mega-trends towards the ever-increasing container ship and a hub-and-spoke concept has led to strong and intense competition among ports in Northeast Asia.

In order to establish the development strategy for a logistics hub in Northeast Asia, the Korean government, in cooperation with academic associations, invited distinguished domestic and foreign experts and scholars and also successfully held three international Gwangyang Port Forums, in 1998, 2002 and 2004 respectively.

Such informative forums have assuredly contributed to raising the worldwide recognition of Gwangyang port.

The upcoming international Gwangyang Port Forum which will be held by Gwangyang city in association with KASL (The Korean Association of Shipping and Logistics) with the topic of "Competition and Cooperation of Maritime Industry in Asia Pacific area" will be participated by about 50 international experts and 300 national scholars, professors and researchers in the field of shipping, port and logistics, along with a number of citizens of Gwangyang. We are sure that the forum will be a world-wide port forum.

We hope that all domestic and foreign participants will find the Gwangyang Port Forum enjoyable, rewarding and memorable. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Forum.

Chairman

Dr. LEE Sung-woong, Mayor of Gwangyang city

Dr. YUN Il-hyun, President of KASL

A list of Key Invited Participants

- Mr. Wayne Talley, Professor of Old Dominion Univ.
- Mr. Mary HAMILTON, Prof. of Univ. of Rhode Is.
- MS Amy LARSEN, General Council of US FMC
- Mr. Greg SHELTON, Director of GTTLS of Univ. of Washington
- Mr. James Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director, Southern California Association of Governments
- Mr. Kazushige TERADA, Professor of Tokyo Kaiyo Univ.
- Mr. Hiroshi YAMAGISHI, Prof. of Ryuzukeizai Univ.
- Mr. CHANG Chih-ching, Prof. of National Taiwan Ocean Univ.
- Mr. LIN Kuang, Prof. of National Taiwan Ocean Univ.
- Mr. CHIU Rong-her, Prof. of Kainan University
- Mr. SONG Dong-wook, Prof. of Hong Kong Univ.
- Mr. NG Jimmy, Prof. of Hong Kong Polytechnic Univ.
- Mr. Devinder GREWAL, Prof. of Australian Maritime College

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- Mr. Erik Hietbrink, Chairman and CEO of STC-Group
- Mr. Jose TONGZON, Prof. of National Univ. of Singapore
- Mr. Luc CUYVERS, President of Mare Nostrum Production
- Mr. USUI Yasuyuki, Director of NYK
- CEO and High positioned Staffs of Int'l Maritime Organization, Port Operators, Shipping companies and shippers in the World .